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SUBJECT: BRAZIL CCP: PROPOSED RE-OPENING OF BELO HORIZONTE

REF: STATE A-582, JANUARY 29, 1975; BRASILIA 3603

1. THE EMBASSY ACTION GROUP (EAG) MET ON APRIL 29, 1975, AND GAVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO THE COMMERCIAL STAFFING STUDY PRESENTED BY THE ARA COMMERCIAL COORDINATOR TO THE WASHINGTON ACTION GROUP AND TRANSMITTED IN REPAIR.

2. THE EAG CONTINUES TO GIVE HIGH PRIORITY TO THE REOPENING OF BELO HORIZONTE AS A "COMMERCIAL INTEREST" CONSULAR POST. THE PROPOSALS SET FORTH IN REPAIR FOR RE-PROGRAMMING PERSONNEL RESOURCES FROM OTHER ARA POSTS TO STAFF BELO HORIZONTE ARE WELCOMES BY THE EAG. THE MINIMAL STAFFING NEEDS FOR RE-OPENING BELO HORIZONTE WOULD BE ONE FSO-5 AND ONE FSL-11.

3. GIVEN CURRENT SERIOUS BUDGETARY RESTRAINTS, A POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE TO ACTUAL RE-OPENING BELO HORIZONTE AS A CONSULAR POST MIGHT BE THE REPROGRAMMING OF THE REQUIRED FSO AND FSL POSITIONS FROM OTHER ARA POSTS TO THE CONGEN IN RIO DE JANEIRO, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE OCCUPANTS OF THESE TWO POSITIONS WOULD ACTUALLY BE RESIDENT IN BELO HORIZONTE, WORKING IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE TWO

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USIS OFFICERS ALREADY ASSIGNED THERE. THE INCUMBENTS OF

THE TWO COMMERCIAL POSITIONS WOULD THEN CONSTITUTE THE STAFFING OF THE CONSULATE SHOULD IT BE OPENED AT A LATER DATE.

4. THE EAG RECOMMENDS THAT ARA/MGT INITIATE THE NECESSARY STEPS FOR (A) ESTABLISHMENT OF CONSULAR POST AT BELO HORIZONTE; AND (B) RE-PROGRAMMING OF THE REQUIRED POSITIONS FROM OTHER ARA POSTS.

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